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Schwarzenegger visits King Library

Governor, Sen. Feinstein among speakers in rally for props 57, 58

By Tony Burchyns

Daily Managing Editor

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger paid a visit to San Jose on Sunday, stopping at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Joint Library to speak at a rally in support of propositions 57 and 58.

"The last time I was here in San Jose, I said 'I'll be back.' As you can see, this governor keeps his promises," Schwarzenegger told a cheering crowd of about 100 people gathered in the library's high-ceilinged atrium.

Flanked by Democratic Sen. Dianne Feinstein and a coalition of Silicon Valley politicians and community representatives, which included San Jose State University interim President Joseph Crowley and Mayor Ron Gonzales, Schwarzenegger urged local voters to join a bipartisan effort to pass Proposition 57, the Economic Recovery Bond Act, and Proposition 58, the Balanced Budget Act.

The governor said the propositions represent why he was elected.

"Why have I taken over this position (as governor) and inherited a \$22 billion debt? It is simply because Sacramento has spent more money than the state takes in," Schwarzenegger said. "Our revenues have increased by 25 percent, but our spending has increased by 43 percent. We cannot continue doing that. Eventually, we

will run out of money."

Proposition 57 would sell a one-time bond of up to \$15 billion to pay off the state's accumulated deficit as of June 30. Proposition 58 would require state expenditures to not exceed state revenues. Both acts will appear on Tuesday's state primary ballot and are contingent upon one another.

Schwarzenegger likened the state's fiscal woes to those of an out-of-control credit-card spender.

"If you go to a financial counselor and tell him, 'I have a spending problem, I cannot stop myself from spending, I am a spending addict,' he would say, 'OK, let's fix the problem, stop spending, let's consolidate the debt, let's refinance it for lower interest rates, and let's tear up the credit cards and throw them away,'" the governor said.

Outside the library, a group of about 30 people picketed for separate reasons: to support San Jose city schools, to support the legitimacy of same-sex marriages and to accuse the actor-turned-governor of being a political charlatan.

Inside, Feinstein, who's spent 12 years in Congress, argued in favor of Schwarzenegger's prescribed budgetary solutions and elicited cheers in the process.

"What you see is major Democratic elected officials in the state of California supporting this

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Andrew Hendershot / Daily Staff

San Jose Mayor Ron Gonzales, left, listens to Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, center, speak at a rally in support of propositions 57 and 58 in the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Joint Library on Sunday. Also in attendance were Sen. Dianne Feinstein and San Jose State University interim President Joseph Crowley, not pictured.

Passage of Prop. 55 would allow for new science building at SJSU

By Daniel DeBolt

Daily Staff Writer

If Proposition 55 passes on Tuesday, there will be money for something the College of Science has been waiting two decades for — a new building.

Plans are currently underway to build a six-story, 120,000-square-foot building attached to Duncan Hall behind the University House, according to Jim Zavagno, associate director of planning, design and construction at San Jose State University.

The building would be allocated \$24,676,000 from the state and include modern biochemistry, chemistry and molecular biology laboratories, according to the university. It was determined that the new building would be cheaper than renovating or rebuilding all or part of existing Duncan Hall.

"We're kind of putting the program together right now," Zavagno said. "Theoretically, the money is there."

The Science building on Fourth Street would eventually be torn down and phase two of the project would include renovation of Duncan Hall, according to

Zavagno.

"Our dean isn't holding his breath," said interim Facilities Director Ted Santos. "We were promised a building back in the early '80s. They drew up plans and everything."

The Science building on Fourth Street, also called the "old Science building," was built in the 1920s, according to Santos.

Duncan Hall is considered the "new Science building," even though it was built in the 1950s, Santos said with a laugh.

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John Kerry stops in Oakland to rally Democratic support

By Marina Krikorian

Special to the Daily

OAKLAND — A crowd of thousands gathered on Friday at the Teamsters Hall in Oakland to rally around Democratic presidential hopeful John Kerry.

As they geared up for Tuesday's primary election, some Democrats waited in the cold for up to six hours to hear what the increasingly popular candidate had to say.

As the crowd swelled and the hall filled, the fire marshal closed down the building, and an estimated 1,200 people were left outside anticipating Sen. Kerry's arrival but stayed in hopes of hearing what the Massachusetts senator had to say.

When questioned about the huge number of

people, one rally volunteer said, "I don't think anybody expected this."

Some people, including firefighters and labor union members, were there to show their already-firm support for Kerry. Others came in opposition to his position on gay marriage. But many seemed to be there to learn more about him and his positions.

Alan Wong, a recent graduate from UC Berkeley, said he was still undecided on the upcoming election and was there to learn more about Kerry, as it seems more and more likely that Kerry will be named the Democratic nominee in July.

Several hard-hitting Democrats also showed up for the rally to show their support for the

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Library network experiencing 'growing pains'



Daniel Miranda / Daily Staff

Political science major Kevin Zhao, left, and his cousin Aaron Cheung, an electrical engineering major, use the Internet with their laptops on the third floor of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Joint Library on Tuesday.

By Daniel DeBolt

Daily Staff Writer

Six months after the opening of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Joint Library, students and other library users are finding out it's not perfect.

Local resident Ying Luk has been using the library's laptop Internet connection daily since the building opened last August.

"The entire building is unstable," he said, commenting on the library's network and laptop connections. "It's not a very big problem. It's just inconvenient."

The Iowa State university graduate is looking for a job in the Bay Area.

"The eighth floor went down over the weekend for 10 minutes — that's happened twice in the last month," he said, adding that it has been a problem since the library opened.

Sitting next to Luk was local resident Sue Geary. She was trying to hook her laptop to the network but was having little success. After she realized that

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California's primary system gives non-affiliated voters some voice

By Michael Lerma

Daily Staff Writer

Among students affiliated with a party and those chafed by party politics, some agree that a closed primary is the best way to nominate candidates in the March 2 primary.

Amid the confusion of open, closed and blanket primaries, California adds more to the mix by using a modified closed primary, according to the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters Web site.

According to the California Secretary of State Web site, a closed primary was in place in California until 1996. Closed primaries allow only registered members of a party to vote along

party lines, the Web site said.

The open blanket primary was introduced by voters under Proposition 198 but declared unconstitutional, the Web site said. The modified closed primary, which took effect in 2001, will govern the election this March, the Web site said.

The Web site said voters registered in qualified parties are allowed to vote for the candidates in that party. Voters who choose "decline to state" will only be able to vote in non-partisan contests, the site explained, such as propositions or bond measures.

Alma Rosas, media officer for the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters, said that in a modified closed primary, voters

affiliated with a party will have to vote along party lines.

"A non-affiliated voter can choose among other party nominees, making the otherwise closed primary modified," Rosas said. "Democrats allow non-affiliated voters to vote for all candidates except for the county central committee. Republicans also allow votes from non-affiliates except for the county central committee and president."

Rosas said the reason for the modification was that parties decided that they wanted crossover votes to count, which are votes from non-affiliated voters.

"Because of the modification, there are 155 different

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FULL FRAME

Banning gay marriage is a waste of an amendment

The war over gay marriage is heating up. Thousands of gay couples have been married at San Francisco City Hall, despite demands by conservative opponents to stop. Even comedian Rosie O'Donnell has joined in, marrying her longtime girlfriend on the steps of what is now the new civil rights battlefield.

On the other side of this war, President George Bush has brought out his most powerful weapon to settle the debate: a constitutional amendment to define marriage as only between a man and a woman.

Considering the purpose our founding fathers had in mind, "defining" who can marry is an utter waste of an amendment and contrary to the very idea of the Bill of Rights.

The Bill of Rights were written as a list of each citizen's guaranteed freedoms, put into law to specifically counter the injustices that occurred while the British were in America and to prevent future tyrants from denying basic rights to the people.

Through wars and civil rights' protests, the rights in our Constitution were paid for in blood, and almost every amendment since has been about granting or guaranteeing freedoms to groups of people.

There is one very notable exception: the 18th amendment, which abolished alcohol during the 1920s.

Like the gay marriage issue, Prohibition was about regulating morality through law, and ultimately because of lax enforcement, changing attitudes and widespread unpopularity, the only amendment to restrict moral behavior was repealed in 1933.

How was it a freedom to not be able to drink?

It certainly isn't a freedom to let only some people marry.

The marriage amendment might be a short-lived debate, though. One of my journalism professors said about the gay marriage argument, "This is pretty much one of those hot-button election issues like flag-burning. It'll be gone once the elections are over."

After all, there have been thousands of proposed amendments. They are extremely difficult to turn into law.

In the early 1990s, an amendment was floated around to prohibit the burning of the American flag. This law is actually on the books in several European countries, where it's illegal to burn the national flag. It was very controversial, with those who opposed crying, "Freedom of speech," and those who approved yelling, "Protect the flag."

It didn't pass, and the debate disappeared along with many other issues only brought up for election time.

An amendment needs a two-thirds majority in the House and the Senate, in addition to successful ratification in three-fourths of the states, before it goes into the Constitution. Some have made it as far as Congress, only to fail when an insufficient number of states were willing

to go along.

With such extreme difficulty imposed on the passage of each amendment, it's disturbing to think that the "definition of marriage" is at the top of the current heap. Aren't there more important redresses of the law to attend to first?

In the 1970s, there was a push for an Equal Rights Amendment, which would guarantee women the same rights under the law as men. It also didn't pass.

Arguments against it ranged from the sexist to the silly.

Former Christian Coalition leader Pat Robertson was reported to have said the ERA would "encourage women to leave their husbands, kill their children, destroy capitalism, become socialists and practice witchcraft."

This sounds a lot like Pennsylvania Sen. Rick Santorum's infamous "man on dog" argument against gay marriage.

Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, who herself was a women's rights lawyer, expressed her disdain at ERA's failure in a 2002 Associated Press article.

She said, "Every constitution in the world that was written after World War II says ... men and women are persons of equal stature or words to that effect. The United States Constitution is now among the minority of



JASHONG KING

constitutions in the world that does not make that clarification.

"I have three granddaughters. I'd like them, when they whip out their pocket Constitution, to see that."

This is an example of the kind of amendment we should be passing – laws based on guaranteeing rights, not ensuring moral restrictions.

The main argument against gay marriage is it is against the law and tradition.

There's another group in American history that was denied the right to marriage because of those reasons.

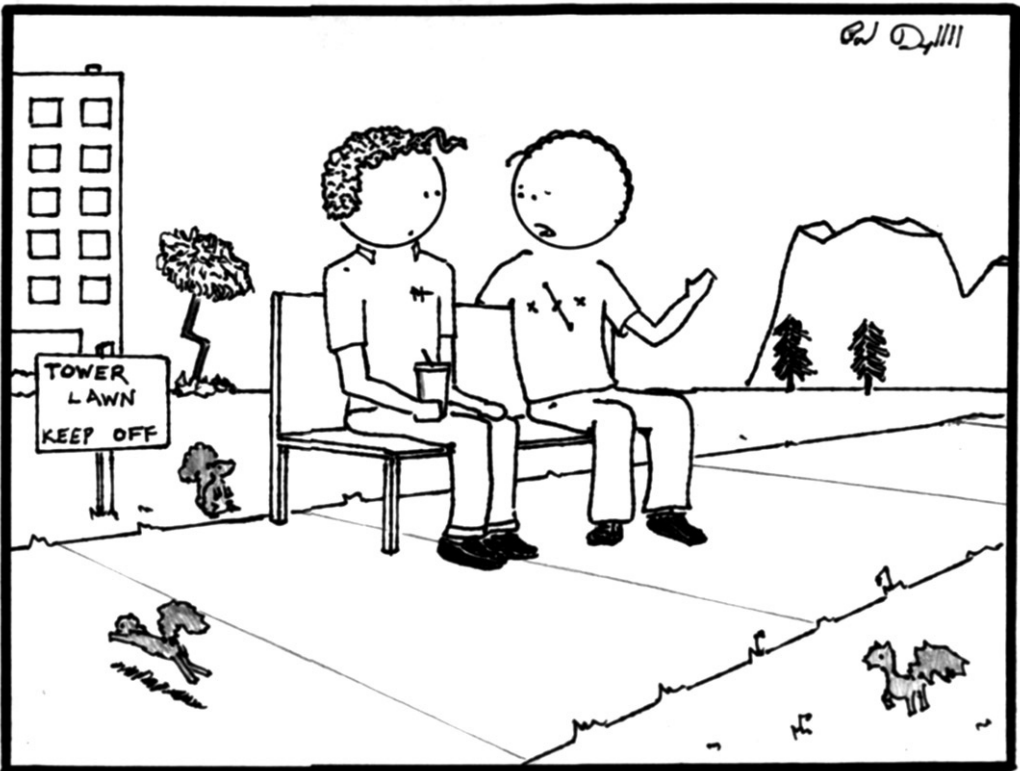
Just like with many gay couples, they lived with their partners in as close, if not closer, relationships than compared to officially married couples. They loved each other, had children and families, but they were denied the right to officially be together as man and wife. They were forbidden from marrying because marriage was a contract, and under the law they were forbidden from signing contracts because they were considered property.

They were called slaves.

Laws and tradition are no reason to, as some put it, "write discrimination into our Constitution."

JaShong King is the Spartan Daily picture editor. "Full Frame" appears every Monday.

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"I DON'T THINK I'M ALONE WHEN I ASK: HOW COME THERE ISN'T SQUIRREL POOP JUST ABSOLUTELY EVERYWHERE?"

SPARTA GUIDE

Sparta Guide is provided free of charge to students, faculty and staff members. The deadline for entries is noon three working days before the desired publication date. Entry forms are available in the Spartan Daily office in Dwight Bentel Hall, room 209. Entries can also be e-mailed to spartandaily@casa.sjsu.edu titled "Sparta Guide." Space restrictions may require editing of submissions. Entries are printed in the order in which they are received.

TODAY

Women's Resource Center
A women's resource fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Student Union. For more information, call Anne at 924-6500.

The Entrepreneurial Society
"SJSU's Silicon Valley Business Plan Competition" will be held from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Umunhum room in the Student Union. For more information, call Juliana Renovato at 309-0730.

School of Art and Design
Art exhibitions featuring student galleries will be on display from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Art and Industrial Studies buildings. For more information, call 924-4330.

SJSU Catholic Campus Ministry
Daily Mass is offered at the SJSU Catholic Campus Ministry chapel located on the corner of Tenth and San Carlos streets at 12:10 p.m. For more information, call Sister Marcia Krause at 938-1610.

Pride of the Pacific Islands
Polynesian dance practice will take place from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. in SPX 75. For more information, call 924-2221.

TUESDAY

Department of nutrition and food science
Body fat testing using cutting edge analyzer will be held every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to noon or by appointment in the Central Classroom building, room 221. Cost is \$5 per student. For more information, call Sherry at 924-3362.

School of Music
"The Listening Hour" concert series will take place from 12:30 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. in the Music building Concert Hall. There will be performances from the Foreign Languages department as a part of "Foreign Languages Week." For more information, call Joan Stubbe at 924-4649.

Society of Women Engineers
A meeting will take place for members at 12:30 p.m. in the Engineering building, room 344. For more information, call Christine DeLa Cruz at 393-3938.

Pride of the Pacific Islands
A Hawaiian cultural workshop will take place from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the Costanoan room in the Student Union. The workshop will feature guest speaker Kell Fujimoto. For more information, e-mail Nisalex88@aol.com.

IS IT FRIDAY YET?

Regional Measure 2 beats traffic jam apathy

Imagine you're a chopper-bound traffic reporter working for a local news agency. Every day, it's your job to fly around the Bay Area in a painted helicopter and report on the region's worst bottlenecks.

There's the junction of interstates 80 and 680. There's the Caldecott Tunnel between Contra Costa and Alameda counties. There's the Bay Bridge and the San Mateo Bridge in rush hour. There's Interstate 880 at twilight. Picture those majestic brake lights. I haven't even mentioned interstates 101 and 280.

Don't worry. You've got job security. Year after year, except for a brief reversal of fortunes following the dotcom bust that resulted in less congestion and smog, the traffic helicopter industry in the Bay Area continues to grow by leaps and bounds.

At least, one would think so.

What's that? You don't want to be a regional traffic reporter? You plan on doing something non-helicopter-related with that degree of yours? And you still want to live in the Bay Area?

I hope you're registered to vote on Tuesday, because you'll need to vote yes on Regional Measure 2 if you want to be proactive about the future of Bay Area commuting.

The long-sighted measure would raise bridge tolls to generate \$125 million a year for transit improvements to Caltrain, BART, Amtrak, buses, ferries and several strategic highway projects.

It would also integrate a new fare collection system for the region's mass transit operators, enabling customers to carry one fare card instead of operator-specific tickets.

I know, I know. Big deal, right? Your hands are locked on that wheel, and that's how you like it. I can relate. I drive every day, too.

Twenty-five years from now, we won't be able to move.

Tired of "transit hippies" raining on your parade?

Tough.

Roll up for the mystery tour, March 2 voters. The future is in your hands.

It shouldn't be a mystery, at least not a scary one. It's not really a tour, either, nor is it a bad movie. Drugs? Nope. It's just a positive step into the unknown, toward a future that demands our attention now.

You may be tempted to vote "no" on this public transportation initiative, seeing as how it would be financed by raising bridge tolls by a buck (except for the Golden Gate Bridge). But unless we devil-may-care motorists want to keep our heads buried in the asphalt forever and deny that population expansion plus public-transportation



TONY BURCHYNS

“Picture it:
the year is 2005,
BART is running
smoothly, Caltrain
crosses the bay,
both operations
have more trains
running and
interchangeable
tickets. There are
more buses in San
Francisco and more
high-occupancy-
vehicle lanes in the
East Bay.”

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Bush’s proposed amendment draws varied campus reactions

By Claire Taylor
Daily Staff Writer

President Bush called a press conference Tuesday to announce his proposal to add an amendment to the Constitution clearly defining marriage as that between a man and a woman.

In his speech, according to a White House press release, Bush cited the Defense of Marriage act, passed by Congress and signed into law by then-president Bill Clinton in 1996, which also stated marriage is a heterosexual ritual, as proof that the majority of United States citizens do not believe in same-sex marriage.

Bush named the issuances of marriage licenses in San Francisco and a county in New Mexico, along with recent court rulings in Massachusetts, as being in “defiance of the law” and said it is likely our country will see more “confusion” over the legality of same-sex marriage if a clear legal stance is not taken.

“Decisive and democratic action is needed, because attempts to redefine marriage in a single state or city could have serious consequences throughout the country,” Bush said.

He said the amendment would “fully protect marriage, while leaving the state legislatures free to make their own choices in defining legal arrangements other than marriage.”

This amendment, should it come to fruition, would create an “unstoppable way to ensure there will never be same-sex marriages” in the United States, said Ken Nuger, associate professor of political science at San Jose State University.

He said the passage of the proposed amendment would nullify any existing marriage licenses issued to same-sex couples, though he said the amendment isn’t necessary for the license to be revoked.

Wiggys Sivertsen, director of counseling services at SJSU, believes that Bush’s proposal is nothing more than a means of stirring up the right wing.

She said it is an “incredibly disingenuous, opportunist move on his part” to bring together a group of people who have made it their “number one organizing effort this year to defeat gay marriage.”

In his speech, Bush said the Massachusetts judges who stated they will begin allowing the issuance of marriage licenses to same-sex couples in May are “activists.”

Sivertsen said she believes Bush added a negative tone to the word “activist,” when some judges in the past have been pioneers in initiating change.

“But an activist judge was Brown vs. the Board of Education,” Sivertsen said. “(Bush) would call the judges who supported Roe v. Wade activists.”

She said the proposed amendment would itself be a violation of the Constitution.

“To use the Constitution of the United States to discriminate against a class of people who are citizens, who pay taxes, who run businesses, who teach in our schools ... to take that class of people, simply based on their sexual orientation, and say that they are not equal citizens, and to use the Constitution to do that, is truly a blight on the American conscience,” Sivertsen said.

Siversten said the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights are “not designed to discriminate against individuals and to deny individuals equal rights in the nation.”

Ryan Kelley, co-chair of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Allies at SJSU, likened the proposed amendment to some discriminatory laws of the past.

“It’s like saying just because you’re a different ethnicity than white, we have reason to discriminate against you,” he said. “And I think a long time ago, we realized that such things are unacceptable.”

Other students at SJSU also said they disagree with Bush’s proposal.

Mark Sweeney, a post-baccalaureate physics student, said the amendment is a “political play” on Bush’s

part because it is an election year.

“What two people do is their own business,” he said.

He continued that, since heterosexuals have the right, there is no reason why homosexuals shouldn’t be allowed to marry.

Junior sociology major Letricia Cole also feels that the amendment would be discriminating against homosexuals.

“Who cares if they get married? They’re just two human beings,” she said.

Kelley said he feels protecting marriage involves allowing every individual the equal opportunity to wed.

“I would say that same-sex marriage is not a threat — it’s further protection to make sure that families don’t fade away,” he said.

Other students on campus feel there may be negative consequences from the continued weddings of same-sex couples.

“I think a marriage is between a man and a woman,” said Helen Tran, a senior graphic design major.

She said she wonders what effect the same-sex marriages will have on society.

For an amendment to become law, Nuger said both houses of Congress must each have a two-thirds majority vote to add the amendment, and three-fourths of the state legislatures — 38 of the 50 states — must also vote for the amendment.

He said there is no definite timeline for an amendment to go through Congress and the state legislatures, and it is unlikely the amendment would become law any time soon.

“You can force the idea on people,” he said, “but there is no way you can make them accept the idea.”

Kelley also doubts the amendment will be added to the Constitution but believes, if it were to pass, it wouldn’t do so before 2006.

The last amendment added to the Constitution, Nuger said, was the 27th amendment, enacted in 1992, which guarantees that congressional officials cannot receive pay raises until they serve for one year.

Practicing what he preaches ...



Andrew Hendershot / Daily Staff

Yoga instructor Lar Caughlan meditates last Monday on a bench between the Faculty Offices building and the Spartan Complex at San Jose State University. Caughlan is a part-time human performance department instructor.

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ballot types, not including language differences,” Rosas said. “Voter cards are processed this way so that people can only vote along party lines. Not everyone gets the same ballot.”

Some students were not aware of the modified closed primary distinction.

Nathan Shaw, a graduate student in mass communications, said he believed primaries should be closed.

“It is up to the party to decide who should run,” Shaw said.

Alex Vassar, president of the College Republicans Club at San Jose State University, said he was not sure if the Republican Party had an official stance on what type of primary is preferred.

“If you consider that California is

more Democrat, a closed primary is a good idea,” Vassar said. “If it was open, it would give voters a better chance at nominating a weak candidate.”

Vassar offered the example of registered Republicans voting for the Democrat presidential nominee.

“An open primary would allow Republicans to vote for (Dennis) Kucinich or (Al) Sharpton,” Vassar said. “If the California nominee votes went to Sharpton, it would have a major impact on the national election in November.”

Marian Hofer, a member of the Students 4 Dean organization, said she also preferred the closed primary.

“Republicans should not decide who the Democrat nominee for president should be,” Hofer said.

While Hofer said she did not speak for Howard Dean, she did say that the

consensus among the Students 4 Dean members was for a closed primary.

Aurelia Figueroa, a senior majoring in political science, said after working on the New Hampshire primary, she saw the benefits of the open primary.

“After witnessing an open primary, you realize that people don’t have time to re-register under another party in time to vote,” Figueroa said. “The closed primary may be a little too rigid, but I also understand the benefits of a closed primary.”

For Shaw, a registered “decline to state,” the choice is clear.

“I am really happy with the modified closed primary because Republicans and Democrats are locked in,” Shaw said. “If you’re dumb enough to be aligned with a party, then you should pick from that bunch.”

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Senior chemistry major Amy Ahrendt said the buildings need major work, especially the “old Science building.”

“That one is scary, really scary. Nowhere I have ever been has steam lines in the labs. Last summer, the ground floor was 100 degrees. It was insane — the way they heat anything is with steam.”

Safety technician Randy Kirchner said that nothing in the building was unsafe but mentioned that past employees complained about chemical odors that got pulled into the building’s ventilation system.

Ahrendt said the odors were a problem.

“I always felt faint,” she said. “You always have to go outside to get a breath of fresh air.”

George Castro, associate dean of the College of Science, said the current science buildings are “just not suitable anymore, especially for biology and chemistry.”

Castro mentioned that “there have been a lot of environmental laws passed” since the buildings were built.

“We just need adequate laboratories we can count on,” Castro said. “A modern science building uses chilled/distilled water, gasses like nitrogen and compressed air. A really good one has those things. The old one has none of them.”

Santos said the science departments get by because “a lot of faculty are very conscientious.”

Referring to an incident she witnessed in the “old Science building,” Ahrendt said, “In the basement it was raining, actually raining. I have never seen so many professors with mops.”

On the second floor of the “old Science building,” in the science club room, a group of card-playing students joked about the condition of the current buildings.

“If we had a new building, people might actually want to do some research,” said Jeff Perkins, a senior physics major.

Not everyone in the room agreed.

“I don’t think having a new building is necessarily the answer, but it would be nice,” said John Old, a senior physics major.

Santos said the College of Science, with its current, older buildings, is the most “maintenance-intensive college on this campus” and uses “60 percent of the campus facilities people with repairs and

maintenance.”

A new building is “very sorely needed,” he said.

If it makes the university look better, the new building would be a good thing, Perkins said.

Ahrendt said the SJSU College of Science has a poor reputation among other schools. She said she was having trouble getting into the graduate school of her choice and her friends were having trouble getting into medical school as well, despite good grades and letters of recommendation.

“I do think it’s actually a good school,” Ahrendt said.

Castro said a new Science building has always been a priority for the school but has been put off repeatedly because there wasn’t enough money.

When there was, it was used to build the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Joint Library, he said.

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front-runner, including California chair of the Kerry campaign Phil Angelini, Oakland Mayor Jerry Brown, Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante and Sen. Dianne Feinstein.

As each of these politicians introduced Kerry, it was clear they had one thing in mind — getting George W. Bush out of the White House. Each time these words were spoken, the crowd erupted in loud cheers and applause.

Many of the speakers also urged voters who were still undecided or leaning toward other candidates to get on board with the Kerry campaign.

Feinstein stated that Kerry is the best candidate to go toe-to-toe with Bush.

When Kerry finally made his way to the stage, he was accompanied by Tom Petty’s “American Girl” on the loud speakers and supporters’ chants of “Kerry! Kerry!” and “No more Bush!”

The crowd was excited and rejuvenated by his arrival after hours of waiting.

Kerry touched on many important issues in his approximately 40-minute speech, from health care to

the environment to the war in Iraq.

Most of his comments were direct criticisms of the Bush administration and what Kerry described as its failed domestic and foreign policies.

Kerry poked fun at Bush for “playing dress up on an aircraft carrier” and for his now-infamous words “Mission Accomplished,” stating that, “for the real people in America, it has not even been mission attempted.”

In reference to the economy, Kerry said if elected, he would put “the tax code up to the light of democracy” and take out incentives that lure CEOs to do business overseas. He also suggested rolling back tax cuts for the wealthy and closing corporate tax loopholes to generate revenue for improvements in education. He stated that Bush’s pledge of “no child left behind” has been a mockery, and the result has been a “separate-but-not-equal school system.”

Kerry pledged to create “an economy working for Americans, one based on products and people, not perks and privileges.” His rhetoric was all aimed at average Americans — the families, farmers and factory workers — and the Democratic crowd was loving it, cheering, booing and laughing at all the

appropriate moments.

Kerry also dealt with the issue of security, stating that he is the only candidate who can compete with President Bush on this issue.

He described the Bush administration’s foreign policy as “arrogant, reckless and inept.” If elected, he pledged to return to the United Nations within weeks of his inauguration and rejoin the community of nations.

In closing, Kerry said “if Bush wants to make security the central issue of this election, I have three words for him — bring it on!”

Some spectators noted that Kerry’s speech was more passionate than they had expected.

Gilbert Martinez, a biophysics graduate student at Stanford University and a Wesley Clark supporter, said this speech was a “dramatic improvement” for Kerry, and he was impressed by how Kerry is bringing the Democratic Party together and pulling in issues from other candidates.

Jesse Hwang, a mechanical engineering graduate student at Stanford, said he has been following Kerry for a few weeks, ever since Kerry emerged as the front-runner in Iowa. Hwang said he is more anti-Bush than pro-Kerry.

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Spartan men lose heartbreaker to Tulsa

By Ian Ross
Daily Sports Editor

With six minutes and 35 seconds left to play in the second half, the Spartan men's basketball team extended its lead to 11 points and seemed well on its way to celebrating "Senior Day" with its second conference victory.

The University of Tulsa scored the next 14 points of the game and barely escaped the Event Center with a 65-64 victory over the Spartans.

"You have to try to lose that one," Spartan head coach Phil Johnson said after the game. "To position yourself to win and then give it away is tough."

San Jose State University had extended its lead over the University of Tulsa to 59-48 on a pair of free throws by Phil Calvert.

The Spartans would not score again for almost five minutes, allowing Tulsa to claim a three-point lead with less than two minutes to play.

Spartan guard Kareem Guilbeaux brought SJSU level, after being fouled while scoring on a layup. Guilbeaux converted the free throw to tie the game at 62.

Tulsa guard Seneca Collins made one of two free throws to put Tulsa back in front. Spartan point guard Bim Okunrinboye was fouled on his way to the hoop and converted both free throws, making SJSU a perfect 18-for-18 on the foul line, a new team record.

However, perfection at the charity stripe wasn't enough to turn the Spartans' fortunes around.

Clinging to a one-point lead with less than a minute to play, Spartan guard Maurice Moore saw an opportunity to extend the lead to three.

"My eyes lit up when I saw the lane opening," Moore said. "I wasn't playing smart basketball."

Moore drove the ball down the lane for a layup attempt with 15 seconds remaining on the shot clock, beating Tulsa guard Jarius Glenn in the process.

Glenn recovered, however, and blocked Moore's shot, giving Tulsa another chance to steal the win.

"I tried to go straight up over the top, but (Glenn) made a great play," Moore said.

Tulsa started a fast break off

Glenn's block, which ended with Glenn scoring the game-winning basket with 15 seconds to play.

SJSU had one last chance to win the game, but forward Marquin Chandler's shot glanced off the rim, and the rebound was tipped out of bounds to Tulsa.

"I'm disappointed that we couldn't pull this win out because we had the game won," Moore said.

Tulsa head coach John Phillips said his team was able to step up and make some plays in the final seven minutes, enabling them to snap an eight-game losing streak.

"San Jose played well up until the last seven minutes," Phillips said. "They looked better than I had seen them on tape."

Phillips said that his team had won a lot of close games last season, but his concern at this point of the season was that his team had forgotten how to win close games.

The Spartans are still learning what it takes to win games at the end, Johnson said.

"This team is not used to winning," he said. "We're not making the right decisions. We didn't execute down the stretch."

Johnson was disappointed to see another victory slip through the Spartans' grasp.

"Maybe I'll see (some positives) tomorrow, but right now I don't see them," he said.

The Spartans honored five seniors with a brief ceremony during the player introductions.

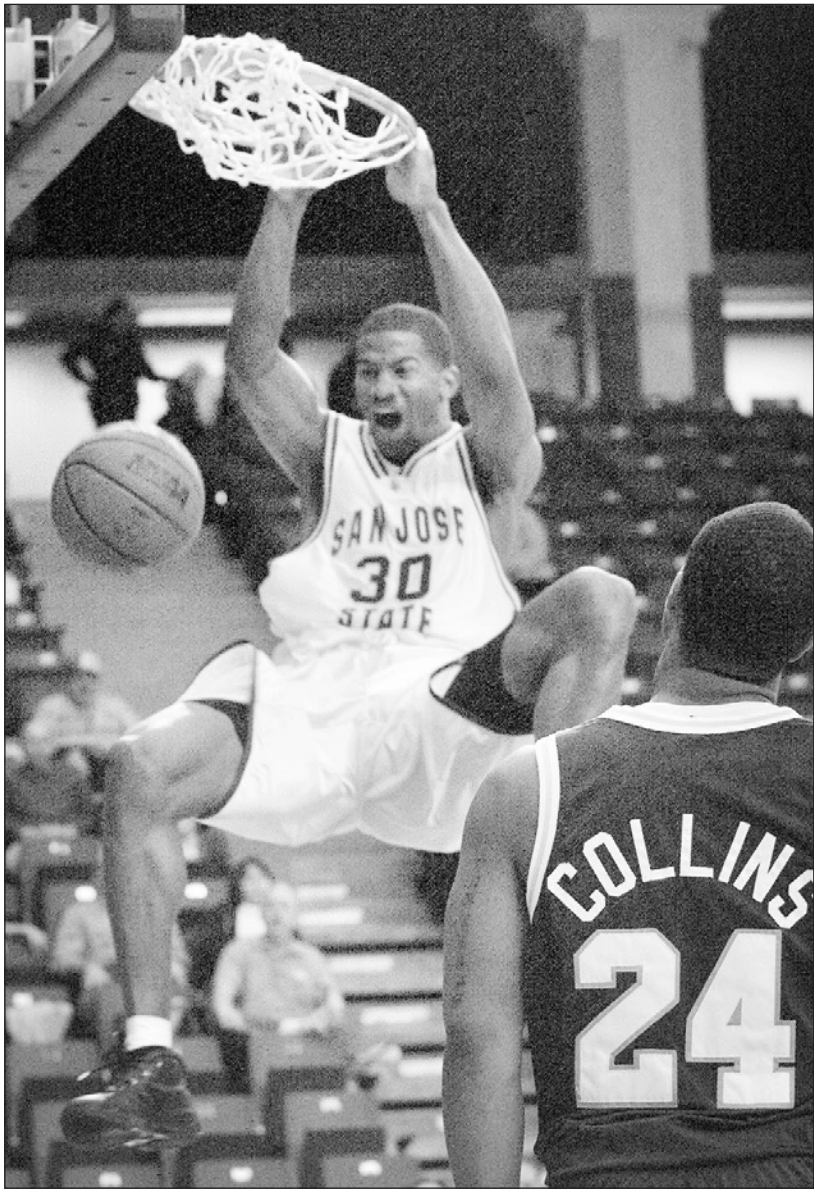
All five seniors were inserted into the starting line-up for the final home game of their collegiate careers.

Guards Okunrinboye, Calvert and Moore and forwards Eric Walton and Brett Lilly started the game and played the first nine minutes of the first half.

"We're not thinking of this as our last home game," Moore said. "We're thinking of this as one more game to get better before the (Western Athletic Conference) Tournament."

Calvert led the team in scoring with 14 points. Okunrinboye added 12 points and Lilly scored 11, all in the first half.

Walton, the team's leading scorer and rebounder for the season, was held scoreless in the first half but tallied 12 points in the second half, including a pair of ferocious dunks over Tulsa



Carien Veldpape / Daily Staff

Spartan forward Eric Walton dunks with authority in front of guard Seneca Collins during Sunday's game against the University of Tulsa. The Spartans lost 65-64 when Tulsa took the lead with 15 seconds to play. SJSU had one final chance to win the game, but forward Marquin Chandler's shot glanced off the rim with six seconds left.

players.

Walton's second dunk gave the Spartans a 43-38 second-half lead. Tulsa guard Kyle Blankenship hit a layup to pull the Golden Hurricane within three, before Walton and Chandler combined to spark an 8-0 Spartan run.

With the score 59-54 Spartans, Tulsa center Anthony Price missed a pair of free throws but Tulsa recovered

the rebound and passed the ball out to guard Jason Parker for a three-pointer.

"The three-pointer off the missed free throw was probably the biggest play of the game," Johnson said.

The Spartans will close out conference play on the road this week, traveling to Fresno State University on Thursday and finishing the season at the University of Nevada-Reno on Saturday night.

SJSU softball drops close games to Sacramento State

Extra-inning rally falls one run short

By Diego Abeloos
Daily Staff Writer

The San Jose State University softball team lost both games of a doubleheader to the Sacramento State University Hornets at SJSU Field on Sunday, 2-0 in game one and 4-3 in extra innings in game two.

"I don't think we came out with much intensity," SJSU head coach Dee Dee Enabenter said. "We scored three runs in two games, and we just haven't offered enough offensive support consistently."

With a 1-1 tie at the end of seven innings in the second game, the Hornets (6-9) began the top of the eighth with a runner on second and no one out because of the international tiebreaker rule in softball, which mandates that in an extra inning game, the last batter who made an out in the previous inning begins the following inning as a runner on second base.

With one out, SJSU starting pitcher Kelli McCollister walked first baseman Amanda Moreland, putting runners on first and second.

Hornets pitcher Nicole Deatherage followed with a line drive to right field that fell in front of a charging Chrystal Wise, who threw to first in an attempt to get Deatherage at first. The throw went wild, skipping past first baseman Carlie Hill into foul territory and allowing Amy Walter to score from second base for a 2-1 Hornets lead.

With runners on second and third and still one out, Amy Jo McKenzie hit a deep drive to center field that fell for a double, scoring both runners for a 4-1 lead.

"I felt like I was personally struggling," McCollister said of her performance. "Looking up at the scoreboard and seeing one run ... you wouldn't normally think that but being in the circle, I was thinking that."

The hit forced Enabenter to pull McCollister from the game, with Becky Roark coming into the game to

get the final two outs of the inning.

"When you're not playing well and you're struggling a little bit and right now you're not at that championship caliber where you can make your own breaks, all the bad breaks are going to come your way," Enabenter said of the three-run eighth inning by the Hornets.

In the bottom of the eighth, the Spartans (2-11) put runners on the corners with one out before a ground out off the bat of pinch hitter Shannon Anderson scored Lewis from third.

The Spartans made it a one-run game when Elisa Barrios scored on a wild pitch from Hornet reliever Brianne Ferguson, but the Spartans could not maintain the rally, as pinch hitter Heather Lopez grounded out to first base to end the game.

The first game of the doubleheader saw the Spartans get shut out by Hornets' starting pitcher Deatherage, managing only three hits on offense.

SJSU starting pitcher Carol Forbes matched zeros with Deatherage for the first five innings before allowing two runs in the top of the sixth.

"It wasn't my best performance," Forbes said. "We let them score two runs, and our team should've scored more."

With leadoff hitter Lindy Winkler on second and one out, catcher Erin Coyne singled to center field, scoring Winkler, for a 1-0 lead.

After a Moreland double put runners on second and third, Deatherage walked to load the bases before left fielder Lesley Mayhorn hit a liner off the glove of SJSU third baseman Megan Delgado for a single, scoring pinch runner Ashley Dawson.

The Spartans will face their next opponent, the Santa Clara University Broncos, on Wednesday at SJSU Field at 1 p.m.



FORBES

San Jose Stealth lacrosse holds on for 13-12 victory over Arizona

By Diego Abeloos
Daily Staff Writer

Goalie Brandon Miller stopped a shot on goal by Arizona Sting forward Dan Dawson with six seconds to go, preserving a 13-12 win for the San Jose Stealth in lacrosse action at the HP Pavilion on Saturday.

"We came out real strong, stuck with our game plan and proved at the half that it was working," Stealth forward Gary Rosyski said. "Then we strayed away from (the game plan) and allowed them to get back into the game."

With the Stealth (6-3, 5-2 in the Western Conference) up 13-5 midway through the third quarter, Arizona (4-6 after a loss on Sunday against Calgary) mounted a comeback that started on a power-play goal with six minutes, 26 seconds left from forward Cory Bomberly, cutting the Stealth's lead to seven.

Less than 20 seconds later, the Sting added another goal from forward Kasey Beirnes, with Dawson getting the assist on the play.

The Sting added one more goal with 2:12 left, as Bomberly scored his second goal in the quarter, cutting the lead to five.

In the fourth quarter, San Jose managed only two shots on goal, while the Sting kept up their offensive assault, as forward Gewas Schindler took a pass from Pat Maddalena and scored a goal with 10:17 left.

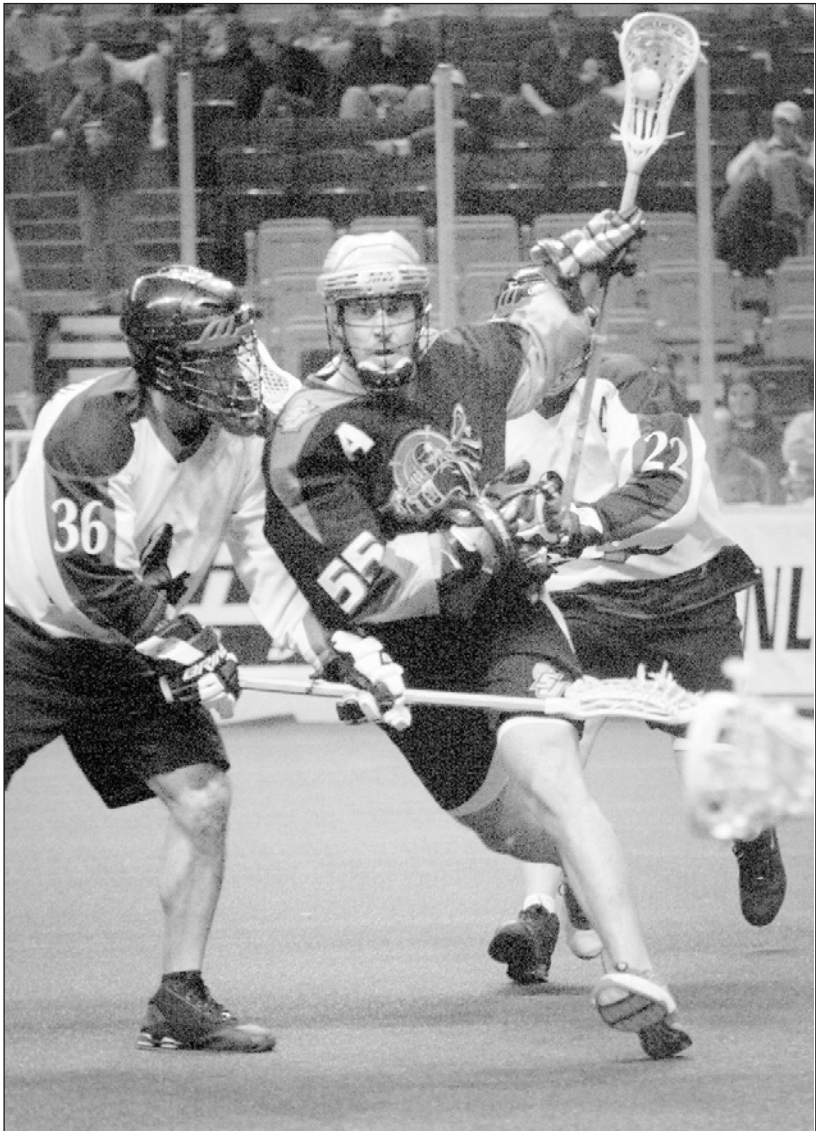
Less than one minute later, Arizona was on the board again with an unassisted goal from Peter Veltman, prompting Stealth head coach John Mouradian to pull goalie Rob Blasdell from the game and bring in Miller.

"We have a real nice philosophy that, when a team scores a little bit of momentum, we're going to change the goalsies," Mouradian said, explaining his decision.

The move seemed to stifle the Arizona offense at first, as the Sting went just over eight minutes without a goal until Dawson broke the drought with 1:24 left on a breakaway goal, cutting the Stealth's lead to 13-11.

With 11 seconds left, the Sting drew within one as Maddalena scored his second goal of the game, causing San Jose to call a timeout.

"They obviously stepped up and played a little better, but mostly I



Stacey Ruesch / Daily Staff

San Jose Stealth defender Jim Moss takes a beating from Arizona Sting forward Pat Maddalena Saturday at the HP Pavilion in San Jose during the National Lacrosse League match. The Stealth beat the Sting 13-12, putting them a half-game out of first place.

think it was just our offensive players and our transition," Rosyski said of Arizona's offensive surge. "We just

got away from what was working in the first half, and I think it was our fault."

Sharks blank St. Louis Blues 1-0

Associated Press

SAN JOSE — Thanks to one lucky bounce, goaltender Evgeni Nabokov's perfection was rewarded and the St. Louis Blues' tenacity was wasted.

Nabokov made 24 saves in his eighth shutout of the season, and Jonathan Cheechoo scored early in the third period of the San Jose Sharks' 1-0 victory over the hard-luck Blues on Sunday night.

San Jose won for the fifth time in six games, staying six points ahead of Dallas in the Pacific Division with impressive defense — but the Sharks could have ended up in a scoreless tie, if not for the odd carom that set up the game's only goal.

In the opening minute of the third period, Steve Martins made an ill-advised pass to the middle of the Blues' zone after getting surprised by the puck's bounce off the boards. Patrick Marleau intercepted the pass and found Cheechoo, who scored on a one-timer from the slot.

"Sometimes you've got to be standing in the right place, or all your hard work doesn't matter," Cheechoo said. "We earned the opportunity we got, but it's part luck, too."

Nabokov earned the 25th shutout of his career with a series of impressive saves.

His glove hand was typically impeccable as he extended his own

franchise record for shutouts in a season.

Nabokov has won four straight starts, raising his game to unprecedented levels in his resurgent season.

Chris Osgood stopped 17 shots for the Blues, who went winless on their five-game road trip — including back-to-back shutout losses with Saturday's 2-0 defeat at Vancouver.

Both teams were playing their third game in four nights, making for less explosive offense and more tenacious defense. The Blues traditionally dominate in San Jose, but Nabokov backstopped the Sharks to just their second home victory over the Blues in 11 games.

Cheechoo's 19th goal extended his point streak to a career-best seven games.

He has five goals and five assists during that span, improving from a solid contributor to a serious scorer in his second full NHL season.

"I'm starting to get a little bit more confidence, and I'm starting to score a little bit more, and more consistently," Cheechoo said.

Linesman Brad Kovachik was knocked out of the game less than three minutes in when Alex Korolyuk accidentally hit him with the puck while trying to dump it into St. Louis' end. Kovachik remained on the ice for two minutes, and was evaluated at a local hospital.

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SJSU baseball wins third straight series

By Mark Cornejo
Daily Senior Staff Writer

With the exception of second baseman Kevin Frandsen's 200th hit as a Spartan, there weren't many occasions for Spartan fans to celebrate during Sunday's 11-0 loss to Loyola Marymount University.

After a doubleheader on Saturday, where the Spartans baseball team won both matchups by a combined score of 14-4, LMU came back in a big way on Sunday.

"(Saturday) we played a real solid game," said Spartan head coach Sam Piraro, whose team now has a 7-5-1 record. "(Sunday) it was just the opposite."

After Spartan starter Brandon Dewing walked in Lion catcher Jonathan Higashi in the third inning, LMU third baseman Kyle Mura matched his team's run total in the first two games in one swing.

Mura's grand slam shot over the left field wall gave LMU a 5-0 lead early in the game, and the Lions never looked back.

In the bottom of the inning, the Spartans loaded the bases with only one out, looking to get back into the game.

However, Frandsen hit a ground ball to Lions' shortstop Billy Lockin that evolved into a routine 6-4-3 double play to end the Spartans' threat.

"That took a lot of wind out of our sails," Piraro said.

It was in Frandsen's next at-bat that he lined a ground ball between the third baseman and shortstop for his milestone hit.

"It would have meant a whole lot to get it with the bases loaded in the third," Frandsen said. "I'll take it, but I wish I had gotten it in a different situation where it meant something."

The Lions added two more runs in the fifth and three more in the eighth, including Mura's fifth RBI of the day, a single that brought in Lockin to stretch the Lion lead to 11-0.

For Dewing, the loss was his third in a row, as his ERA jumped to 6.52 on the year.

Sunday's loss also marked the third straight weekend the Spartans had won the first two games of a series, only to lose the finale.

"We don't score on Sunday, and we don't pitch extremely well on Sunday," Piraro said. "We just haven't played our best in that third game of the series."

SJSU 4, LMU 2 (Saturday, game 1)

The first game of the doubleheader featured Spartan ace Matt Durkin going head-to-head with last week's West Coast Conference pitcher of the week, Stephen Kahn.

"Those guys are two solid Division I pitchers," Piraro said. "It was a great matchup."

While Durkin was nearly perfect, allowing only three hits and one earned run in eight-and-one-third innings of work, Kahn was hit early and often.

Spartan third baseman Josh Lansford started the day off with a two-out double off the left field wall, allowing Frandsen and first baseman Brandon Fromm to score and give the Spartans the early 2-0 lead.

Right fielder Travis Becketl stretched the lead to 3-0 when his single up the middle brought in designated hitter Darrell Sales.

LMU was able to find some luck of their own in the fifth inning when the Lions' designated hitter Clint McGill scored from third base on a wild pitch.

The Lions threatened again in the ninth while trailing 4-1. LMU third baseman Kyle Mura slapped an RBI single off Spartan reliever Brad Kilby, bringing in right fielder James Cooper.

With two outs and only down by two, the Lions had men on second and third. However, a lazy fly ball to left field by pinch hitter Elvis Herrera gave the Spartans the 4-2 win.

Kahn struck out 10 Spartans in his first losing effort of the season, as Durkin scored his third win in his last three starts and Kilby earned his first save as a Spartan.

Frandsen led all players with two hits and two runs scored in the opening game of the series.

SJSU 10, LMU 2 (Saturday, game 2)

There was a 25-minute intermission between the first and second games, followed

by a two-and-a-half-hour offensive display by the Spartans.

"We played an excellent game," Piraro said. "We did a number of things right."

After the Lions scored in the top of the second, San Jose State University came right back in the bottom of the inning when Fromm's RBI single brought in designated hitter Danny Anderson to tie the game 1-1.

The Spartans scored at least one run in each of the next five innings, including a towering home run over the center field wall by Frandsen in the third to give the Spartans the lead.

The Spartan fireworks continued in the fifth inning when the Lions chose to replace starting pitcher Daniel Macias, who was charged with the loss, with reliever Kevin Jensen.

Spartan catcher Mark Bautista's RBI single to score Sales began a four-run, four-hit inning for SJSU.

Left fielder Ryan Angel added two more RBIs in the fifth when he hit a long single to left field to bring in shortstop Anthony Contreras and Bautista to extend the lead to 7-1.

Sales' two-RBI single into left field in the sixth inning, which scored Lansford and Anderson, stretched the lead to 9-2.

Eight of the nine Spartans in the starting lineup had at least one hit, while Anderson and Contreras led the team with three hits apiece.

"We hit well, we pitched well, we played great defense, and our execution was good," Piraro said. "We played maybe our most solid game of the season."

Spartan starting pitcher Corey Cabral was almost flawless in his six innings of work, except for a home run by LMU's Higashi in the sixth inning.

Cabral only allowed five hits and two runs, while earning his second win of the season.

Spartan pitchers Matt Winck and Randy Waite each allowed two hits in relief of Cabral.

The two wins on Saturday assured the Spartans would win their third series in a row.



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San Jose State University second baseman Kevin Frandsen attempts to turn a double play against James Cooper and the Loyola Marymount Lions in the top of the second inning Saturday at Blethen Field. The Spartans defeated the Lions 4-2.

Skater returns to the ice at Spartan Skate 2004

By Michael Lerma
Daily Staff Writer

The San Jose State University figure skating club competed in Saturday's Spartan Skate 2004, an intercollegiate team competition.

But the club needs more members to be competitive in future years, said Sandra Schaad, a graduate student at SJSU studying biomechanics.

During the competition, Schaad said she was unable to make her right knee bend.

Schaad said it was the first time she had been on the ice since having a skate penetrate her leg just above the knee.

"I was trying to get my brain to connect with my leg, but at the same time I was trying to smile, so no one could tell anything was wrong," Schaad said.

"Since the injury, I have skated about an hour and a half before today," Schaad said.

Fellow ice skater Brandie McIntyre, a graduate student in geology, said Schaad was also nervous for a more universal reason.

"Sandra is doing a dance solo. I think the dancers just prefer to have two people out there," McIntyre said. "I would prefer to have two people out there with me."

Mary Panyan, president of the university ice skating club of San Jose and mentor to the ice skaters, said Schaad was not herself because of the injury.

"She skated well, but it was not to her potential," Panyan said.

Schaad, as president of the club, is also looking for a team recovery in addition to her own.

"I really want to recruit for next year, because we only have three or four people going into next year," Schaad said. "We encourage people that skated in their childhood to come back and skate with us."

Panyan stressed the importance of the team building but also pointed out the need for recognition from the ice skating community.

"This is the first team to be assembled on the Pacific Coast, so I spend a lot of time getting sanctions from the U.S. figure skating association," Panyan said. "They send the top skaters to the Olympic games, but they only take skaters that compete in sanctioned events."

Jaclyn Smoczynski, a graduate student in social work, said she was also nervous about not competing for the last eight years.

"I have been off of the ice for three or four years," Smoczynski said. "I am skating the team maneuvers event, but I plan on skating in most events next year."

Robin Pape, a spectator of the

skating club and fan of Schaad, said the program had many benefits.

"It is for college kids and, therefore, less intensive and more social," Pape said. "It would be hard for the skaters to go to college in your first year and train to be an outright Olympic skater."

Of the goals for next year, Schaad said, the most ambitious would be to create a synchronized skating team.

Panyan said she would like to see the team materialize but cited past problems as being obstacles for the team.

"We need people that can meet at the same time. We need ice time," Panyan said. "The best we can hope for is an intro synchro team. It takes a while to build up and that is the problem."

Schaad said the team almost materialized last year but fell apart at the last minute.

"We had a grant to pay for costs, but members had to drop out of the team," Schaad said. "UC Davis had a team of eight skaters last year, and now they have 20. That is what I would like to see happen at SJSU."

Schaad reiterated the time element in starting a synchro team, pointing out UC Davis as an example.

"UC Davis just started their team, so they are either last or second-to-last place overall," Schaad said. "That is because the top teams are really fast and, right now, Davis is walking. But it could take up to 10 years to build a good team."

For Schaad, just the fact that the team exists is a testament to their dedication.

"We are the only team that is not Ivy League or private," Schaad said. "We are the smallest team this year, but we are passionate about skating."

Most of the skating club members agree that they also suffer from a lack of exposure.

Smoczynski said she did not know the team existed until a few weeks ago.

"They recruited me when they found out I used to skate years ago," Smoczynski said. "It feels really good to be on the ice again. I was a little shaky at first, but it makes a difference being a child skater. You are less stiff in the knees and less afraid to fall."

For Schaad's run after the injury, the judges gave her second place.

"I've never taken second, but it is OK," Schaad said. "What was I supposed to do? My knee would not bend."

The competition saw Stanford take first, UC Berkeley take second, California Institute of Technology place in third and SJSU take fourth. UC Davis exhibited synchronized skating but did not compete.



Photos by Andrew Hendershot / Daily Staff

ABOVE: Sandra Schaad skates during Spartan Skate 2004, an intercollegiate team competition held at Logitech Ice in San Jose on Saturday.



LEFT: Schaad is consoled by her teammate Megan Humburg after skating with an injury during Spartan Skate 2004.

Women's basketball falls at Tulsa, remains ranked sixth in the WAC

Daily Staff Report

The Spartan women's basketball team lost its second straight game, falling 66-56 to the University of Tulsa.

SPARTAN ROUNDUP

The Golden Hurricane used a 10-0 run late in the second half to put the game away.

Point guard Cricket Williams led San Jose State University with 15 points and nine rebounds.

Spartan center Teoma Taylor added 14 points, and forward Lamisha Augustine scored 10 points.

Despite losing both games on the road trip, the Spartans remain in sixth place in the Western Athletic Conference.

SJSU's travel partner, the University of Hawai'i, also lost both games and remains one game behind the Spartans.

The top six seeds automatically advance to the second round while the lower four seeds will face off in the opening round of the WAC Postseason Tournament in Fresno.

The tournament will begin on March 9 and will end on March 13.

The Spartans will return home this week to close out the regular season.

SJSU will face Fresno State University at the Event Center Thursday night at 7 p.m.

"Senior Day" will be held at the Event Center on Saturday at 8 p.m. against the University of Nevada-Reno.

Women's Gymnastics racks up another win

Spartan gymnast Shirla Choy

took first place in the all-around competition Saturday, and SJSU came away with a win at conference rival Sacramento State University.

The Spartans scored 193.475 as a team, beating Sacramento's score of 193.125.

Choy finished tied for first on the bars with Sacramento's Binta Coleman, who placed second in the all-around.

Spartan Amberly Klein placed first on the beam, with Choy placing second.

Water Polo competes in Gaucho Tournament

The SJSU water polo team traveled to UC Santa Barbara to compete in the Gaucho Tournament on Saturday.

The Spartans split two games, losing to Cal 8-6 in the first game and then defeating UC San Diego 8-4 in the late game.

Spartan Laura Scott, who plays the two-meter position, scored three goals against Cal and two goals against San Diego.

Spartan swimmers place fifth at WAC Championships

The SJSU swim team scored 329 points in the four-day WAC Swimming and Diving Championships, placing fifth among the six teams.

Southern Methodist University won the meet with 911 points. The Spartans finished 222 points behind fourth-place Rice University and 163 points ahead of last-place Fresno State University.

Spartan swimmer Alana Lella broke her own SJSU 100-meter backstroke record twice in the same day on Friday.

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Music

Britney Spears and Kelis coming to the Oakland Arena March 9 at 8 p.m. Advance tickets range from \$40.50 to \$76. Tickets at tickets.com.

The Caravan in downtown San Jose will present a variety of live bands this weekend. Shows start at 10 p.m. No cover charge. For more information, call (408) 995-6220.

NOFX will perform after Pennywise in the Avalon Ballroom in San Francisco on March 12 at 8 p.m. Advance tickets are \$40. Available at tickets.com.

Mose Allison, a sharp-tongued singer/songwriter, will perform at Kuumbwa Jazz Center in Santa Cruz on March 1 at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$23 at the door. For more information, call (831)427-2227.

Blink-182 and No Doubt will perform at the Shoreline Amphitheatre in Mountain View on June 19 at 7 p.m. Tickets are now on sale and available through Ticketmaster, starting at \$48.75.

Misc.

San Jose Poetry Slam at Waves Smokehouse and Saloon every Tuesday gives poets a chance to share their work with an audience. Students pay \$5. 18-years-old and over are invited. Visit www.sanjoseslam.com.

The 22nd San Francisco International Asian American Film Festival starts March 3 in San Francisco and March 19 in San Jose. Tickets can be purchased in person from Camera 3 Cinemas in San Jose or call tickets.com at (415) 478-2277. Prices are \$8 for students. Visit www.naatnet.org/festival.

Women of Color Film Festival will play one film every Monday in March from noon to 2 p.m. at the Cross Cultural Center in the Student Union. “Yuri Kochiyama: Passion for Justice” will be shown today. Call (408) 924-6255.

In honor of National Foreign Language Week, the department of foreign languages is showing eight foreign films March 1 to March 5 in French, Italian, Spanish, Chinese, Portugese and German. Film times and locations vary. Call (408) 924-4602.

Performing arts

The Mousetrap by Agatha Christie will be performed by the Northside Theatre Company through March 7. Tickets are \$10 for students. Call (408) 288-7820.

The Goodbye Girl, written by Neil Simon, will be performed March through April 17 at the Bus Barn Theatre in Los Altos. Tickets range from \$18 to \$25. Call (650)941-0551.

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Tattoos embraced by many



Andrew Hendershot / Daily Staff

Paco Vales, co-owner of Newskool Tattoo Studios, works on Augustin Victorica’s arm on Saturday. Newskool is located at 306 South Third St. in San Jose.

By Diego Abeloos
Daily Staff Writer

Clay Warford takes off his shirt and proudly shows off a tattoo on his upper left arm, bearing the image of a tiger paw clawing the surface of his skin in between the words “south paw.”

“Ever since I was a little kid, I always talked about getting ‘south paw’ on a license plate or something, so I figured I’d get it on my left arm,” said Warford, a 22-year-old San Jose State University senior majoring in child development.

Tattoos, the permanent marking of the body by ink and needle, have been both a fad and a socially unacceptable practice by various aspects of society, said Warford, who got his first tattoo at age 18.

Warford then turns around and displays a tattoo of two Chinese symbols in between his shoulder blades, flanked by intricate, swirling tribal tattoos that resemble wings.

Warford said the Chinese symbols mean strength and that he got them at first because he thought they were cool. Now, he said, the symbols represent the personal strength he has.

Despite the meaning that the tattoos bring to him, Warford said that some members of his family were disappointed in his decision to get something as permanent as a tattoo.

“If you have tattoos, you’re seen as being a troublemaker, someone who is not responsible or causes trouble,” Warford said. “I have family members tell me I’m stupid for getting tattoos, but I don’t care.”

Amy Best, a sociology professor at SJSU, said youth is particularly influenced by tattooing for several reasons.

“For some youth, the tattoo for them is perhaps a fleeting identity statement,” Best said. “For others, it’s actually not about something that’s fleeting but is something that is much more long-term.”

“It’s this kind of statement of permanence that they are making about their various commitments, whatever those may be,” Best added.

According to an online documentary by PBS called “Skin Stories,” the history of tattooing and its various meanings trace back more than 2000 years.

The PBS documentary states that Polynesian culture used tattooing as a way to show rank and title, such as chiefs, and as a way to trace family lineage.

“Tattooing in Polynesian society is not a threatening way of tattooing,” said Orly Locquiao, a tattoo artist and owner of Humble Beginnings in San Jose. “It doesn’t depict violence in any way. It depicts more of the personality. It’s a chiefly thing, its status.”

In Samoan society, tattooing has remained unchanged throughout those 2000 years, despite attempts by Christian missionaries to end the practice in the 19th century, stated the PBS documentary.

Locquiao, who specializes in Polynesian-style tattoo art, said that Polynesian tattooing still uses traditional tools such as boars’ teeth, walrus tusks or human bones to mark the tattoo into the skin. In some societies, such as Samoan society, tattoos were used as a way of intimidation among warriors, whereas Hawaiian society uses tattoos to trace family history, Locquiao added.

In some respects, said Andy Johnson, a tattoo artist and owner of Metamorphic Tattoos in San Jose, the same can be said of American society when it comes to the meaning of tattoos.

“We’re modern primitives,” Johnson said. “Look at all the guys in the NBA and the NFL. Years ago, no one had any tattoos except for Dennis Rodman. Now you can’t play unless you have a tattoo. It’s a rite of passage thing here too now.”

Locquiao said he sees both similarities and differences in the way Polynesian societies and American society view tattoos.

“Here in the United States, we use imagery to do the tattoos,” Locquiao said. “Say my dad was in the Navy — I’d get a ship to commemorate him. In Polynesian society, it’s more of what you see around you.

“Polynesian societies, all they see are coconuts, birds, palm trees, stuff like that. So you would tattoo palm leaves, birds, turtles, whales and sharks — basically everything you see in nature,” he added.

For teenagers in American society, the decision to get a tattoo can be a difficult one, spurred on by other factors as well, Johnson said.

“When people are going to get their first tattoo, sometimes there’s a lot of peer pressure because their friends are getting tattooed and they’re not really ready for it,” Johnson said. “It’s not like a pair of shoes you throw out, and it’s not like a paper you throw away. It’s there.

“Even if it’s a little dot or a huge mark, it’s there and it doesn’t go away,” Johnson said, adding that people who are considering a tattoo should do a bit of research before going through with it.

One of his suggestions is to take a marker and draw a fake tattoo on an area of the body, just to get used to seeing it there.

The one tattoo that almost no one should get, said Paco Vales, co-owner of Newskool Tattoo Studios in San Jose, is another person’s name.

“Usually it’s bad luck to do something like that,” Vales said. “It’s kind of like getting married without the other person saying ‘I do.’”

Johnson said that he is very

cautious about customers who come in asking for someone’s name to be tattooed on their bodies, turning many of them down.

“Ninety percent of the time, if they’re married, we’ll do it,” Johnson said. “But if it’s a kid, like a young girl who comes in here and wants her boyfriend’s name tattooed or something, I pretty much send them away.”

Although tattoos are not socially acceptable in all segments of society, the perceptions of tattoos seem to be getting better here in the United States, Vales said.

“It kind of already is (widely accepted) here in America,” Vales said. “Other countries, it’s a little bit different. In Japan, I can’t go into the bathhouse unless it’s a certain time of the day when tattooed people can go in.

Hip-hop legend presents international culture to fans

By Daniel DeBolt
Daily Staff Writer

Even though he has never been a huge commercial success, KRS-ONE left little doubt last Friday that he is one of the most talented hip-hop artists of alltime.

REVIEW

The venue was Historic Sweet’s Ballroom in Oakland, which was originally built during the big band era, when greats like Duke Ellington, Benny Goodman and Billie Holiday performed. It was recently saved from becoming an office building after two decades of dormancy, according to the Ballroom’s Web site.

KRS-ONE strikes his fans as somebody with more credibility than all of the professional journalists in the world put together. He has a ferociously unshakable confidence in his words, lyrics and stage presence.

His pounding, lyrical onslaught also happens to be a profoundly spiritual experience.

The story of KRS-ONE is almost a legend in hip-hop. It is the story of a homeless kid and graffiti artist turned philosopher (he calls himself a metaphysician). KRS-ONE quickly became a hip-hop-styled political and cultural leader.

Even though it has been almost two decades since KRS-ONE’s first album, he performed for more than an hour on Friday with the energy of someone who just broke onto the scene.

It was only a little disappointing that he didn’t perform any of his more well known songs, like “Sound of da Police,” which only goes to show what a consistently great artist he is.

In his authoritative, booming voice, KRS-ONE repeated throughout the show, “Rap is something we do. Hip-hop is something we live.”

It’s a phrase he coined in 1995 and has been repeating ever since.

“Take a look at hip-hop for real,” he said. “Look around. That fake s--- you see on TV is not hip-hop.”

Oakland’s Mayor Jerry Brown was there to have a “dialogue” with the

hip-hop community.

“The mayor of this city came out and embraced hip-hop culture today,” KRS-ONE said. The crowd responded with boos for the Mayor, who didn’t appear on stage.

“What do you think about your mayor? Lets get the truth out — because that is what hip-hop is all about,” he said, turning the mic to the booing crowd.

“But don’t boo for too long,” he interjected, “because if you’re not in an organization to make things better, today, you are no different than whoever you are booing for.”

With that, boos turned to cheers.

On the wall behind the stage was a large banner that said “Hip-Hop Declaration of Peace,” framed by pictures of the most important and influential hip-hop figures of all time, such as Kool-Moe-Dee, Grand Master Flash, Tupac Shakur, Russell Simmons and Biggie Smalls. The “teacha,” as many call KRS-ONE, picked up a stick and went around the banner naming the faces to the cheering crowd.

It’s rare to hear any musical performer mention the names of so many other artists at a show.

“On May 16, 2001, we took this declaration to the United Nations,” KRS-ONE said. “We declared hip-hop an international culture at the United Nations.”

It’s easy to see why people criticize him for having too big of an ego and using the phrase “I am hip-hop” too often. It was even printed on his shirt. But he wants everyone else to see themselves as hip-hop, too.

“On your application for drivers’ licenses, birth certificates, medical records, when they ask you, ‘What is your nationality?’ today, I put down hip-hop,” he said. “Don’t let anybody tell you what your ethnicity is, what your culture is.”

KRS-ONE emphasized during the show that real hip-hop needs to be preserved so that future generations can look back and be proud.

“All day long on the radio to just hear one side of hip-hop — you never get to hear Public Enemy, KRS-ONE, Talib Kwali, Blackalicious,” he said. “We can’t allow that to continue.”

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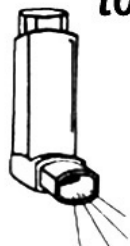
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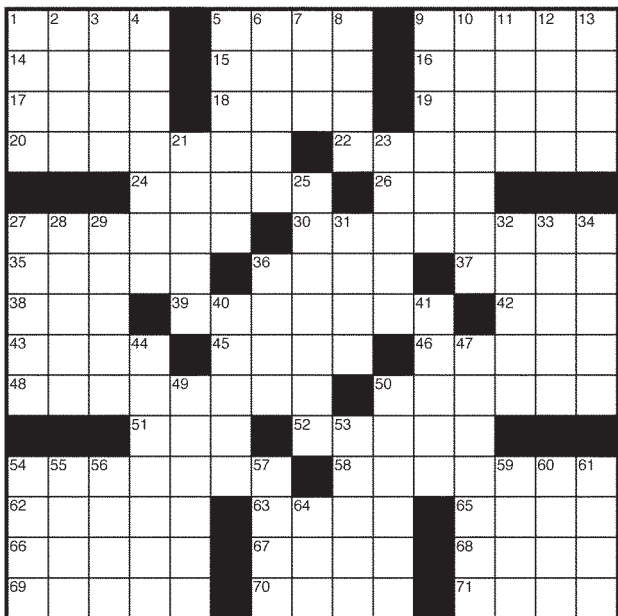
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